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REFER TO FILE: **PJ-1**

November 18, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**WHITTIER NARROWS RECREATION AREA  
SEWER LINE AND RESTROOM PROJECT (PHASE 1)  
AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
SPECS 6648; C.P. 86416  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1  
3 VOTES**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND  
THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Award and authorize the Interim Director of Public Works to execute a construction contract, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, with Mladen Grbavac Construction Company, the apparent lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Sewer Line and Restroom Project, Phase 1, in the amount of \$776,260, and establish the effective contract date following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance certificates from the contractor.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended action will allow Public Works to proceed with construction of Phase 1 of the project.

The Whittier Narrows Recreation Area Sewer Line and Restroom Project consists of two phases that will be constructed under separate contracts. Phase 1 includes the construction of a new underground sanitary sewer line and pump station to replace the existing septic systems that currently serve the restrooms at the park facility. Phase 2 is currently being advertised for construction bids and includes the removal of three restrooms and construction of three new larger restrooms, renovation of one restroom, and demolition of the miniature train station building. These improvements are located in Area D, the lakes area of the park.

On September 28, 2004, your Board adopted the plans and specifications and authorized advertising for construction bids for Phase 1 of the project. On November 2, 2004, nine bids were received. Mladen Grbavac Construction Company, with a bid of \$776,260 is the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The bid received from Mladen Grbavac Construction Company is \$123,740 below Public Works' fair construction cost estimate amount of \$900,000. Since the construction bid for Phase 1 is less than the estimated construction cost, we are recommending award of the construction contract for Phase 1 prior to receipt of bids for Phase 2 of the project. The bid results are summarized in Enclosure B.

Public Works will return to your Board in January 2005 to award the construction contract for Phase 2 of the project.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Fiscal Responsibility and Children and Families' Well-Being as the project is an investment in public infrastructure, and will improve the heavily used restroom facilities at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area, and thereby, assure good health and social and emotional well-being for children and families.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The recommended construction contract with Mladen Grbavac Construction Company is for \$776,260. In addition, \$116,439 (15 percent of the contract amount) has been allocated for change orders in the construction budget.

The total project cost for Phase 1, including plans and specifications, construction, consultant services, miscellaneous expenditures, and County services is currently estimated at \$1,392,289. The total project cost is estimated at \$3,451,364, including \$1,961,774 for Phase 2 and \$97,301 for unforeseen site conditions which is consistent with the amount previously approved by your Board on September 28, 2004.

The project is funded from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 in the amount of \$2,450,689 and a State Proposition 12 Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris grant in the amount of \$1,000,675. Sufficient appropriation for the estimated total project cost is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Capital Projects Budget (C.P. 86416) to fund this project. The Project Schedule and Budget Summary are included in Enclosure A.

### **Operating Budget Impact**

Following completion of Phase 1, Parks and Recreation estimates an increase of \$11,000 in ongoing operating costs to have Public Works maintain the sewer line and pump station. Based on the current project schedule, expenditures to operate and maintain the sewer line improvements are currently expected to begin in Fiscal Year 2005-06 and will be submitted by Parks and Recreation as part of its budget request to the Chief Administrative Office.

The CAO will review the operating requirements and available funding as part of the budget process and make a final recommendation to your Board at that time.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

A standard construction contract, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included in the contract.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, Mladen Grbavac Construction Company is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence Program/General Relief Opportunity for Work participants for future employment.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, about Board Policy 5.135, the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, and that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

Mladen Grbavac Construction Company is in full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program).

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Whittier Narrows Recreation Area is a Federal facility under the jurisdiction of the United States Army Corps of Engineers and is operated and maintained by Parks and Recreation. As a Federal facility, all projects at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act. On March 29, 2004, the Corps of Engineers determined that the project is in compliance with NEPA through a categorical exclusion in accordance with 40 CFR 1508.4 and 33 CFR 230.9 and that the project, when considered individually and cumulatively, does not have significant effects on the quality of the environment.

On September 28, 2004, your Board found the project to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On September 28, 2004, your Board adopted the plans and specifications for Phase 1 of the project at an estimated construction cost of \$900,000, and authorized advertising for bids. On November 2, 2004, nine bids were received for the project. Mladen Grbavac Construction Company, with a bid of \$776,260, was the apparent lowest responsive and responsible bidder meeting the criteria adopted by your Board. The bid results are summarized in Enclosure B.

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, this contract opportunity was listed on the "Doing Business with Us" website as shown in Enclosure C.

Mladen Grbavac Construction Company's Community Business Enterprise participation data is on file with Public Works.

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by the respective contractor was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contract.

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**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The park, including the restrooms and walking paths, will remain open during the 60 working-day construction period for Phase 1 scheduled to begin in January 2005.

In addition, the project specifications require the contractor to coordinate its construction schedule with the daily functions and activities of the park facility to minimize disruption of services and to maintain access to the park areas during construction.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the CAO (Capital Projects Division), Parks and Recreation, and Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Interim Director of Public Works

DAVID E. JANSSEN  
Chief Administrative Officer

RUSS GUINEY  
Interim Director of Parks and Recreation

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cc: County Counsel  
Department of Public Social Services (GAIN/GROW Program)  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance (Ozie Smith)

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**ENCLOSURE A**

**WHITTIER NARROWS RECREATION AREA  
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**I. PROJECT SCHEDULE (PHASE 1)**

<b>Project Activity</b>	<b>Scheduled Completion Date</b>
Construction Documents	08/19/04*
Construction Award	11/30/04
Construction Start	01/05/05
Substantial Completion	05/10/05
Final Acceptance	06/23/05

\*Actual completion date

## II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Category	Proposed Project Budget	Impact of this Action	Revised Project Budget
Plans and Specifications	\$ 112,000	\$ 0	\$ 112,000
Construction			
Construction	\$ 900,000	\$ (123,740)	\$ 776,260
Change Order Contingency	<u>90,000</u>	<u>26,439</u>	<u>116,439</u>
Total Construction	\$ 990,000	\$ (97,301)	\$ 892,699
Consultant Services	\$ 24,135	\$ 0	\$ 24,135
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 8,000	\$ 0	\$ 8,000
County Services	\$ 355,455	\$ 0	\$ 355,455
<b>TOTAL (PHASE 1)</b>	<b>\$1,489,590</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$1,392,289</b>
Restroom Improvements (Phase 2)	\$1,961,774	\$ 0	\$1,961,774
Unforeseen Site Conditions	N/A	\$ 97,301	\$ 97,301
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,451,364</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$3,451,364</b>

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**ENCLOSURE B**

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**BID SUMMARY**

**Description of Project**

Phase 1 of the project includes the construction of a new underground sanitary sewer line and pump station to replace the existing septic systems that currently serve the restrooms at the park facility.

**Bid Opening Date:**

November 2, 2004

**Bid Summary:**

<b>Contractor's Name</b>	<b>Lump Sum Bid</b>
Mladen Grbavac Construction Company	\$ 776,260.00
Vasilj Incorporated	\$ 803,110.00
Garcia Juarez Construction Incorporated	\$ 821,435.00
Andrew Papac & Sons	\$ 995,550.00
Mehta Construction Company	\$ 1,063,868.84
Atlas Allied, Incorporated	\$ 1,072,130.00
Mike Bubalo Construction Company Incorporated	\$ 1,125,668.00
Clarke Contracting Corporation	\$ 1,154,648.75
Metro Builders & Engineering Group LTD	\$ 1,552,701.45

**Financial Information**

Public Works' fair construction cost estimate for Phase 1 of the project was \$900,000.

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**ENCLOSURE C**

**WHITTIER NARROWS RECREATION AREA  
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**Bid Information**

**Bid Number :** P100000453

**Bid Title :** WHITTIER NARROWS SEWER LINES AND RESTROOMS, PHASE 1

**Bid Type :** Construction

**Department :** Public Works

**Commodity :** CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, SEWER AND STORM DRAIN

**Open Date :** 9/28/2004

**Closing Date :** 11/2/2004 11:00 AM

**Notice of Intent to Award :** [View Detail](#)

**Bid Amount :** N/A

**Bid Download :** Not Available

**Bid Description :** Whittier Narrows Sewer Lines and Restrooms, Phase 1, Project Id No. P100000453, Construction of 8" VCP Sewer Pipe, Submersible wastewater pumps in a modular precast wet well with a control panel, a precast concrete valve vault, 4" dip force main, a decomposed granite park path, PCC pavement and curb, and other appurtenant work, Estimated Price \$800,000-\$925,000, Bid Package \$15 if picked up and \$19 if mailed. All Public Works Bids must be submitted on proposal forms included in the bidder's package of plans and specifications which may be purchased at the Cashier's Office, Mezzanine level (between the lobby and second floor), 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, CA 91803-1331, on Mondays through thursdays, between 7 a. m. and 5:30 p.m. Bid must be submitted at the Cashier's Office before 11 a.m on the closing date. For further information, call (626) 458-6959.

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